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Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum
from Amconsul Montreal concerning Dr. Krunoslav DRAGANOVIC.

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TO : Department of State.

INFO : BELGRADE, OTTAWA, VIENNA

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FROM : Ambassador MONTREAL

DATE: June 3, 1968
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SUBJECT : The Case of Dr. Krunoslav DRAGANOVIC

REF : Belgrade A-376, OA-3457, and Montreal A-34

Father Vistica, the American priest of Croat extraction who inquired in Montreal last October about Dr. Draganovic, continues to show lively interest in the case from time to time. He has expressed strong doubt about the Yugoslav Government announcement of November 10 that Draganovic had returned voluntarily to Yugoslavia. He has also supplied a pamphlet entitled "Is Yugoslavia ruled by law? Tragedy of the abducted priest Rev. K. Draganovic," a copy of which is enclosed (Department only). In the pamphlet there are two reports ascribed to Joseph Tholl, Document Examiner, Cleveland Police Department, describing as a fabrication what purports to be part or all of a seven-page letter in the hand of Dr. Draganovic as published in a Yugoslav newspaper to explain his "voluntary" return to Yugoslavia. Father Vistica says that the Cleveland reports (which were addressed on December 7, 1957 and subsequently to Mr. Joseph V. Boniljevic, President, American Society for Croatian Migration, P. O. Box 5141, Cleveland 1, Ohio) were the subject of inquiries by a Yugoslav consular officer stationed in Pittsburgh.

Father Vistica also points out that nobody has interviewed Dr. Draganovic privately since his reappearance in Yugoslavia. Three unknown persons were present when Dr. Berlakovic, of the Austrian Embassy, interviewed him. When Bishop Cokada at Sarajevo applied for a private interview, he was turned down. On or about January 19, an Austrian colleague from Pressbaum, Professor GATZERT, had an interview in the presence of a man of about 40 and a woman of about 35, one or both being present throughout the interview, which

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took place in the small sitting room of a large house in the Sarajevo area. According to Vistica, Kasteiger asked Dragunovic if the man who was at the press conference (presumably that of November 14 at Ilidza) had in fact been he. In answer, Dragunovic smiled and turned to the other man in the room for confirmation, indicating that the other man had been at the press conference too.

Father Vistica despairs of rescuing Dragunovic unless "the CIA" should undertake to do so. This course of action he heartily advocates as a worthwhile blow against Communism. He would like to be put in touch with the CIA about the matter but has, of course, been given no encouragement on that score at this office.

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